

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 31-35 and allowed claims 1-2, 5-17, 19, 20, 22-30 and 36-38. By this paper, the Applicants hereby cancel claims 31-35 and amend claim 14 to expedite allowance of the present application. As discussed in the previous response, the Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection of claims 31-35. Accordingly, the Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 31-35 in a continuation application. In view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present application.

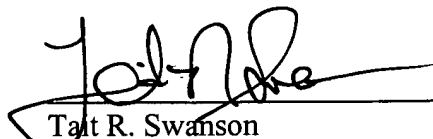
Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 31-35 as anticipated by Kofflin (U.S. Patent No. 5,355,917). As mentioned above, the Applicants hereby cancel claims 31-35, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot. For this reason, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the foregoing rejection.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner wishes to resolve any other issues, then the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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